GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF NEWLY CULTIVABLE LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases regarding allotment of newly cultivable land to many eligible and poor people in the tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh are pending due to the provisions of Forest Conservation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to consider for providing special concessions to the Tribal areas under the provisions of Forest Conservation Act;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be provided; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) During the year 2002, about 26 cases involving 167 persons and 34.79 ha of forest land for grant of Nautor under the HP Nautor Rules 1968 pertaining to tribal areas of Bharmour and Kinnaur were forwarded by the State Government to the Regional office of the Ministry at Chandigarh. These were returned to the State Government with certain observations. Now, the State Government has again forwarded the case in respect of Kinnaur district to the Regional office of the Ministry at Chandigarh on 27.07.2007.

(c) & (e) The Ministry of Environment and Forests issued detailed guidelines on 12.09.1990 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for grant of tr5aditional rights to the people over forest land which include regularization of eligible encroachment, conversion of forest villages into revenue villages, settlement of disputed claims over forest land arising out of forest settlement and grant of pattas/leases etc.